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Docket No.: 56160US015

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: WILLIAM BEDINGHAM, RAJ RAJAGOPAL AND MICHAEL G. WILLIAMS

Application No.:

Group Art Unit:

Filed:

Examiner:

Title:

AUTOMATED IMAGING AND HARVESTING OF
COLONIES ON THIN FILM CULTURE DEVICES

PETITION TO ACCEPT COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.84

Attn.: Official Draftsperson
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Dear Sir:

A petition is made to accept color photographs in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.84, enclosed are three (3) sets of color photographs (showing Figure 9). Also attached is a black and white photocopy of the subject matter shown in the color photograph. The application has been amended to insert the specified language as set out in 37 CFR § 1.84.

Please charge the fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(h), and if necessary, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

October 31, 2003

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